

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are presently active in this case, Claims 6-11 and 13-14 having been withdrawn, Claims 1-5 and 12 having been amended, and Claim 15 having been added. Support for amended Claims 1-5 and 12, and new Claim 15 can be found, for example, in the original claims, drawings, and specification as originally filed.¹ Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-5 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kunimatsu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,653,948; hereinafter “Kunimatsu”) in view of Pint et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,436,676; hereinafter “Pint”).

In response to the rejection of Claims 1-5 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kunimatsu in view of Pint, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claim 1 recites novel features clearly not taught nor rendered obvious by the applied references.

Amended independent Claim 1 is directed to an in-vehicle apparatus wherein, *inter alia*:

...a first display bar is displayed on the display and includes information about said map and a second display bar is displayed on the display and includes information about said video content, and

the first display bar and the second display bar are displayed at a lower edge and an upper edge of the display of the display, respectively or the first display bar and the second display bar are displayed at the upper edge and the lower edge of the display, respectively.

¹ See original Claims 1-5 and 12; Figures 14a-14c; and page 48, line 26 to page 49, line 8 of the specification.

Kunimatsu describes a multi-display system 10 including a display device 12, a navigation device 14, a VICS (vehicle information and communication system) device 16, and an audio device 18. However, Kunimatsu fails to teach or suggest that “a first display bar is displayed that displays information about said map and a second display bar is displayed that displays information about said video content, and the first display bar and the second display bar are displayed at a lower edge and an upper edge of the display,” as recited in Applicants’ amended independent Claim 1.

In Kunimatsu, when a vehicle is stopped, a map screen 72B may be selected in a state where a TV screen 72A and the map screen 72B are displayed as shown in Figure 4A.² When the TV screen 72A is selected from a display state shown in Figure 4A while the vehicle is at rest, an operation menu 78A is displayed as shown in Figure 4B including operation items of “Station Selection Buttons,” “Scan Button,” “Preset Button,” and “Set Button” together with a TV screen 72C corresponding to the TV screen 72a.³ However, Figure 4A of Kunimatsu only shows one display bar, not two display bars. In addition, Kunimatsu does not describe a second display bar displaying information about video content. The one display bar in Kunimatsu only displays map information.

In contrast, in Applicants’ amended independent Claim 1, a first display bar displays information about map information and a second display bar displays information about video content. Further, Figure 4A of Kunimatsu would not include a second display bar displaying information about video content because the screen shown in Figure 4A is only displayed when the vehicle is stopped, and when the user selects the TV function, a screen as shown in Figure 4B is displayed which includes various TV control functions without the map. Thus, in Kunimatsu the TV controls are only displayed when just video content is displayed on the display screen.

² See Kunimatsu at column 7, lines 60-62.

³ See Kunimatsu at column 8, lines 13-18.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Kunimatsu fails to teach or suggest each and every element of Applicants amended independent Claim 1. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that Pint fails to cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Kunimatsu.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 1 (and all claims depending thereon) patentably distinguish over Kunimatsu and Pint.

Applicants' amended independent Claim 12 recites that "a first display bar is displayed that displays information about said map and a second display bar is displayed that displays information about said video content, and the first display bar and the second display bar are displayed at a lower edge and an upper edge of the display." Thus, Claim 12 is believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of Claims 1-5 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kunimatsu in view of Pint be withdrawn.

New Claim 15 recites that "the second display bar includes at least one control command which is configured to be selected by touch." Support for new Claim 15, can be found, for example at Figures 14A-14C and at page 48, line 26 to page 49, line 8 of the specification. No new matter is added.

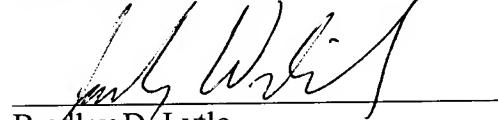
New Claim 15 is dependent on Claim 1 and is thus believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above. New Claim 15 is further believed to be patentable as Kunimatsu does not describe that the map information displayed in Figure 4A includes a control command that can be selected by a touch screen operation.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 15 is patentable.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, and in light of the above discussion, the pending claims as presented herewith are believed to be in condition for formal allowance, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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